

Chapter V

RECREATION ELEMENT

This Element is a supplement to the Recreation Element of the TRPA Goals and Policies Plan. It is consistent with the Regional Plan, yet with greater specificity particular to the Kings Beach area. This Element describes the existing facilities, sets forth the CP Objectives and Policies, and describes new programs recommended to implement the Plan.

A. EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES

This Element addresses the community's recreation facilities, both existing and proposed, primarily located within the boundaries of the Kings Beach Community Plan, but also including some amenities on the periphery of the CP boundaries. These facilities are depicted on Figure 8.

The following recreation facilities exist within the CP area or its contiguous borders:

<u>Recreation Feature</u>	<u>Description/Jurisdiction</u>
1. Brockway Golf Course	This facility is a privately owned, 9-hole course located near the intersection of State Routes 267 and 28. Only a small portion of the golf course is actually located inside the CP boundaries, but because it is such an important part of the community, it is addressed in this section of the Plan. This Plan addresses the issue of expansion of the course to an 18-hole course, and suggests that as a desirable objective, provided a number of issues can be satisfactorily resolved, including a participation of property owners, and adequate environmental and project level review and approvals.
2. Beach Central Properties	These properties are lands purchased in recent years by the California Tahoe Conservancy, located along the Lake front south of the golf course. These facilities include beach area, spas, and a volley-ball court, and had previously been privately owned and restricted to a membership-only policy. The facilities are now available to the general public.
3. State Recreation Area	These properties, located in the center of the downtown area, fronting the Lake, represent one of the key attractions to not only the Kings Beach area, but of the entire Tahoe basin as well. The area features a long

expanse of sandy beach, as well as conference facilities, beach oriented concessions, such as parasailing, etc., and a boat launching facility. Commercial in-holdings in this location have been purchased in recent years by the California Tahoe Conservancy, with additional opportunities for further purchases ahead. The property is owned by the State of California (State Parks System), but managed and maintained through a cooperation agreement with the North Tahoe Public Utility District (NTPUD).

4. Private Recreation Concessions In addition to the other facilities described in this Element, other privately-owned recreation facilities are located in the Community Plan. These are primarily beach-oriented concessions such as jet-ski rentals from commercial and tourist-accommodation properties that adjoin the beach. There is also a miniature golf facility located in the Plan.

PUBLIC RECREATION AGENCIES - The primary public agencies who provide recreational land and/or services in the Plan Area are the California State Parks, North Tahoe PUD, the California Tahoe Conservancy, U.S. Forest Service and private concessionaires.

North Tahoe PUD: The recreation program for the NTPUD is described in a document entitled Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which is to serve as the planning guide for recreation development under the jurisdiction of the PUD. For the purposes of this Plan, it will serve as the guideline for recreation programs for the North Tahoe General Plan and the Tahoe Vista Community Plan.

The NTPUD Plan proposes specific developments for each of the recreation sites within its jurisdiction, based on needs assessments prepared by the District. The Plan further identifies associated costs for the proposed capital improvements, and an implementation and financing plan.

California Tahoe Conservancy: The California Department of Parks and Recreation oversees properties in an around the Community Plan.

The plans (currently being drafted) and programs of the State of California shall serve as the guideline for the Recreation Element of this Plan.

PRIVATE RECREATION - The main private owned recreation feature of the Community Plan is the Brockway Golf Course.

B. RECREATION OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The numbered objectives below are repeated from the introduction of this Plan. The following special policies are needed to implement the objectives.

1. Use all appropriate opportunities consistent with the Recreation Element for increased public access to Lake Tahoe.
 - a. Policy: See Implementation Policy 2.a. in the Implementation Element.
 - b. Policy: Use all appropriate opportunities to increase opportunities for public access to Lake Tahoe.
 - c. Policy: The State Park should consider development of a public pier in the vicinity of the existing boat launch area. Improved parking would also be desirable.
2. Increase the total mileage of bicycle trails available for public use in the General Plan area, complete linkages in the system, completing a trail through Kings Beach, and complete alignments as established in the North Tahoe PUD Master Plan.
3. Maintain the viability of the Brockway Golf Course.
 - a. Policy: If feasible, the Brockway Golf Course should be continued and expanded to 18 holes, but in any case, the open space and recreation qualities associated with the site shall be maintained.
4. The Recreation Element shall consider the "Parks and Recreation Master Plan" of the North Tahoe Public along with the planning programs of the California Tahoe Conservancy, and the U.S. Forest Service.
5. As discussed in the commercial development section, recreation is recognized to be a critical element of the commercial viability of the downtown area.
6. The Community Plan target for outdoor recreation is an increase of 750 DCP (design capacity for people) in summer day use. The target will be achieved by implementing the proposed recreation improvements.

C. PROPOSED RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

The following improvements are a list of improvements that would implement the policies above.

1. Improved Lake Access - The Plan target requires an increase in Lake access. Some of the possible improvements are the lake recreation trail system and parking, increased beach access at the State and NTPUD beaches, and increased boat launching. (400 DCP)
2. Recreation Trail System - The Plan requires the implementation of a recreational/ bike trail system mostly located along the Lake and State Route 28. Also, trails connecting the elementary school with the lake should be constructed. The map shown possible alignments. (2 miles/50 DCP)
3. Golf Course Improvements - The Plan calls for the retention of the Brockway Golf Course. Figure 8 suggests consideration of a nine hole expansion, and a renovation of the club house. (100-DCP)